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Applicant(s): Colin R. Dunstan

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Examiner: Helms, Larry Ronald

For: Compositions and Methods for the Prevention or Treatment  
of Cancer and Bone Loss Associated with Cancer

Docket No.: A-605

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUING EXAMINATION (RCE)**  
**PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.114**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Advisory action dated July 1, 2002 in which Claims 23-40 were rejected.  
Applicant submits herewith a request for continuing examination and withdrawal of the rejections.

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**AMENDMENT**

Please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

At page 45, replace the third paragraph with the following:

Plasmids encoding OPG[1-194]-Fc, OPG[1-201]-Fc, OPG[1-194]-FcΔC, OPG[1-201]-FcΔC, OPG[1-194]-FcG<sub>10</sub>, and metFcΔC-OPG[22-194] for use in producing the corresponding OPG fusion polypeptides are constructed generally as described in WO97/23614 and in copending U.S. Serial No. 09/389,545, filed September 3, 1999, both of which are incorporated by reference. The polypeptide sequences are shown in Figures 3-8, respectively.

In the claims:

Please cancel Claims 23-40 and add the following new claims:

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